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SUBJECT: IV GRANTEE (CHEIKH MOHAMED FAHDSW)

REF: A. NOUAKCHOTT 274 B. STATE 116289

1. GIRM HAS FORMALLY REQUESTED THAT CHEIKH MOHAMED FAHDEL BE REPLACED BY DIRECTOR OF NOUADHIBOU AIRPORT, FALL ATHEKHANA, FOR SUBJECT IV GRANT. GIRM HAD PREVIOUSLY TOLD EMBASSY THAT GIRM NOMINEE WOULD BE FAHDEL AND ON THIS BASIS GRANT WAS PROCESSED AND APPROVED.

BLM POST, HOWEVER, BELIEVES GIRM NOMINEE, FALL ATHEKHANA, TO BE EQUALLY WORTHY OF IV GRANT AND URGES DEPT TO REWRITE IN FOR HIM . ATHEKHANA HAS BEEN NAMED DIRECTOR OF THE NOUADHIBOU INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, THE ONLY AIRPORT IN MAURITANIA CAPABLE OF SUPPORTING FOUR ENGINE INTER-CONTINENTAL AIRCRAFT. HE WILL BE THE FIRST MAURITANIAN IN CHARGE OF THE AIRPORT. THERE WOULD BE NO CHANGE IN THE IV FORMAT PROPOSED FOR FAHDEL, THAT IS, TO ACQUAINT GRANTEE WITH PERSONNEL AND TECHNIQUES IN US: AIRPORT MANAGEMENT, AIRCRAFT CONTROL AND AVIATION SAFETY. ATHEKHANA WILL BE AVAILABLE TO TRAVEL JULY 1. PRECISE TRAVEL PLANS TO FOLLOW DEPT APPROVAL OF CANDIDATE.

3. BIO DATA USING 12 FAM 407 FORMAT FOLLOWS:

A. FALL ATHEKHANA

B. MALE

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C. 1939 ST. LOUIS, SENEGAL

D. MAURITANIAN

E. NOUADHIBOU AIRPORT, PB 06

F. LYCEE FAIDHERBE AT ST. LOUIS (HIGH SCHOOL) 1954-62
ECOLE NATIONAL DE L'AERONAUTIQUE, PARIS (1966068)

G. COMMANDANT (DIRECTOR) OF THE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AT
NOUADHIBOU, MAURITANIA

H. AIRCRAFT CONTROLLER

K. FRANCE, SENEGAL

L. SOME KNOWLEDGE OF ENGLISH BUT INTERPRETER REQUIRED
(SEE PARA 4 BELOW.)

M. FRENCH AND ARABIC

N. MARRIED, FOUR CHILDREN

O. AIRCRAFT GROUND CONTROL AIRPORT MANAGEMENT AND AIRPORT
SAFETY.

P. FALL MOHAMED, CONTROLE FINANCIER, BP 234, NOUAKCHOTT,
MAURITANIA

Q. PRACTICING MUSLIM; NO PORK; NO ALCOHOL.

4. GIRM HAS ALSO INFORMALLY INQUIRED IF DEPT COULD FUND
30 DAYS OF INTENSIVE ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION IN US,
PREFERABLY BEFORE IV GRANT. AT THE KHANA WILL NEED IMPROVE
HIS ENGLISH TO GAIN MAXIMUM BENEFIT FROM FORTHCOMING
AIRCRAFT CONTROL COURSE IN UK. POST BELIEVES ENGLISH
TRAINING WOULD BE IN KEEPING WITH OUR CU COUNTRY PROGRAM
AND, SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE FUNDING, RECOMMEND APPROVAL.
AT OUR REQUEST, FIRM ATTEMPTED TO LOCATE FUNDING FOR
ENGLISH-LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION FROM ITS OWN RESOURCES. OFFICE OF
CIVIL AVIATION REGRETFULLY INFORMED US, HOWEVER, THAT GIRM
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FUNDS COULD NOT BE FOUND FOR THIS PURPOSE. HANDY SIDE

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